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Bisons roam undefeated in GSC



Junior defensive end Philip King celebrates after recovering a fumble against Arkansas Tech Sept. 28 in Russellville. The Bisons won 32-14 and improved to 4-0 on the season, making this their best start since 1985. See page 8 for more in-depth coverage.

JEFF MONTGOMERY / Harding Public Relations

Unopposed elections leave voters uninspired

JEREMY D. BEAUCHAMP
Editor

Despite a decrease in upper-classmen candidates, voter turnout was comparable to past years for the Student Association elections held Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Strong freshmen interest countered the relatively low interest of the sophomore, junior and senior classes, which included every elected office either unopposed or unsought.

Of the nine offices up for grabs for upperclassmen, only six were sought, including one in each class.

With each candidate running unopposed, some students said the elections were merely a perfunctory exercise.

"I didn't see any point in voting," junior Amy McAllister said. "My vote wouldn't have made any difference anyway because nobody else ran."

SA President Zac Lambrecht says the answer may lie in the past inaction of the office.

"I think that the biggest reason is that class officers haven't really been involved," Lambrecht said.

"I have already had several of (the newly elected officers) ask me what they are supposed to do."

Senior SA secretary Liz Baiocchi agrees the responsibility is on the elected officer.

"(Students) involved don't take the initiative to do something with the position," Baiocchi said. "It is really a self-starting job."

The student body usually elects three offices for each class — president, vice president and secretary/treasurer.

The freshman class ballot also features men's and women's SA representatives — an election that takes place in the spring for upperclassmen.

The SA and the class offices are each a separate body. The SA works under one large budget, while each class treasurer is given \$100 from the SA and must raise additional money to pay for the things they plan that exceed the allotted funds.

Junior class president Jason Terry hopes to change the view of class officers this year.

"In the past, class offices have just been looked at as a title you can put on your resume without having to do anything," Terry said.

"We are trying to get together an overnight retreat for the junior class for both men and women to attend."

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Barbecue, golf tournament among special events slated for Family Weekend

DeANN THOMAS
Contributor

For Family Weekend this year, parents will not only be able to take part in the normal activities of the students by attending chapel, classes and the Bison football game, they will also be able to participate in a golf tournament, attend the Theater of Illusion and to feast at the annual Osborne barbecue.

"There's something for everyone at Family Weekend this year," Liz Howell, director of alumni relations, said. "I encourage everyone to take advantage of a lot of different things."

The four-person scramble golf tournament, a new addition to Family Weekend, will begin at 1 p.m. at River Oaks today, weather permitting. The teams check in by noon and will be divided into three flights. Prizes will be awarded to the top two teams in each flight. Participants will also receive prizes for the longest putt, longest drive, the highest family participation and closest putt to the pin. Prizes include hats, shirts, umbrellas, golf balls and other items.

"This is the first time we've ever attempted something like this," said Tim Bruner, assistant vice president for advancement and tournament organizer. "Even though there are prizes, it's all about getting out and having fel-



Marilyn Dowdy, program coordinator, left, and Liz Howell, director of alumni relations discuss the number of guests expected to participate in Family Weekend. The Office of Alumni Relations has planned many events, including a golf tournament Friday.

CHRISSEY INGRAM / The Bison

lowship with everybody on the course."

Tonight the entertainment will continue with a performance by The Spencers, who combine drama, comedy and the art of illusion to create a "Theater of Illusion." The performance will take place at 8 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium. After the performance, students will lead a devotional outside the Benson in the C.L. Kay Plaza.

"The Spencers put on one of the

best magic and illusion shows I have ever seen," Jim Miller, director of student activities said. "They were named Performing Arts Entertainers of the Year in 2000."

Tomorrow, Jennings Osborne and family will host the annual barbecue outside the Ganus Athletic Center before the football game.

Families are encouraged to send one person to the line to pick up food for four people.

Various bands, including Great Fiasco, Dr. Jeff Hopper and senior Abby Smith, Belles and Beaux, Generation Gap and the Thundering Herd Marching Band will perform for the crowd during the barbecue. There will also be face painting and inflatable games for children.

Throughout the weekend, parents and grandparents will have the opportunity to join two new programs for family members of Harding students — Harding Uni-

versity Parents Association and Harding University Grandparent Society.

Joining the programs helps families keep closer contact with the university through regular e-mail updates about campus events.

Those who join HUPA or HUGS also receive a discount at many restaurants in Searcy.

Last year, Family Weekend brought a larger number of families than usual, partly because the weekend came immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks, Howell said. She hopes that number will be equally high this year.

"Family Weekend has been growing a lot in the last few years," Howell said. "Our students' parents are not necessarily alumni anymore, and Family Weekend is to those families what homecoming is to the alumni."

Many parents who are not alumni are grateful for Family Weekend because it gives them the opportunity to survey the school's environment. Randy Fultz, the father of sophomore Sara Fultz, visited his daughter last year during Family Weekend and is returning this year with his wife Claudia.

"I really enjoy witnessing the spiritual integrity of the school," Fultz said. "It was great to spend time on Friday in classes with my daughter. We enjoyed being able to share in the Harding environment."

Take a minute to breathe



Jeremy D. Beauchamp

The View From Here

Next week is the second most dreadful week in the semester: midterms.

Soon, grades will be sent out to parents to judge our performance thus far and learn whether or not we should book that flight home for Thanksgiving. Just the mention of midterms or tests has a tendency to send many students into a tizzy. After this week, it is getting-serious time in most classes.

This is the time criers are prevalent on dorm room beds and boyfriend/girlfriend's shoulders. From now on, getting meals to go is more popular than relaxing and throwing food in the cafeteria. The library will have more sweaty brows than classical works of literature.

Sure it's a tough time of year, but sometimes we get a little too excited. We lose ourselves to our studies. We sacrifice ourselves to the grade god in exchange for numbers. Often times, in the upcoming weeks, we will forsake our duties as Christians for the relatively miniscule, temporal things. Is skipping church meetings worth a few extra points on a test?

We, like the rest of the world, have a tendency to get caught up in the little things of life. Henry David Thoreau said, "Our life is frittered away by detail... Simplify, simplify." Should our schedules define our lives?

We are running about like we are the most important things to us, while there are as many opportunities out there as there is beauty on the Earth. The purpose of this article is not strictly to talk about service opportunities. My main point of emphasis is to encourage each student (myself included) and faculty member to find a happy medium.

We have our duties and we have our goals, but they are not what we are. We are defined by whose we are, which is not to say that God is unhappy when we seek to achieve things — He is when we allow those things to be a stumbling block in our lives.

Set aside some time in the coming months to relax and refocus often, meditating on things above and not getting so emerged in the little things that we all let saturate our hearts, minds and spirits.

The author G.K. Chesterton said, "The reason that angels can fly is that they take themselves so lightly."

We may not be sprouting wings anytime soon, but it is a lot easier to be happy and do what we are required when we view the little things as just that.

Don't mistake gossip for concern

As I sit on my porch, as I walk on the paths, as I eat my dinner, I am reminded that we, as a student body, have a keen interest in prayer.

Not a week goes by without being approached by someone with a prayer request. "Will you pray for Jenny-Lee? She's having a hard time right now." The openness, the unabashed shared love of God surrounds me everywhere.

For an entire year, these petitions amazed me. Sharing God openly in every aspect of my life was a culture shock. It was a sharp contrast from my 13 years of public school, but I was eager to accept this new way of life.

However, after a year of attending Harding, the novelty of my environment has decreased. I have grown more comfortable in this new environment. And lately, questions have crept into my mind.

They came quietly at first, but now my thoughts have become unavoidable, could these prayer requests be a disguise?



Andrea Martin

Guest Room

It has been my experience that a third party asking for prayer requests can be a stumbling block. The request takes on another form entirely. "She's having a hard time." "Why?" "Well, I'm not sure but..." With every passing week I see it happen more and more before my eyes.

"You should pray for Billy today..."

And they're off, not even waiting for me to wave the green flag. It is a race of whose tongue can wag the fastest. Each one laps around the request, spilling who, what, when, where, how and why. Every detail they do and do not know of another person's life is exposed. The checkered flag is waved, the dust clears and the spectators disperse. Each person

leaves feeling edified and godly, except one—the person being prayed for.

It may be disguised as caring, as doing your duty, as praying without ceasing, but it is gossip, stark and ugly.

It has been my observation that Harding has all the advantages of a small town. We share joy, sadness, clothes, money and the occasional cup of sugar. However, we have the curse of the small town as well — the lack of anonymity.

Christianity is a blessing. The bonds and relationships we have are necessary and real. I am not trying to undermine that. I do urge you to call things by their proper name. Gossip, whatever form it takes, is gossip.

Search your heart before rushing to ask for prayers for another and discover your true motivations. Keep in mind that we are one in the Spirit and one in the Lord, but that doesn't mean we are free to share private information about our classmates.

Nailing insanity with silence a clip art

Just as I was sitting down to write this, I broke a nail. Under normal circumstances, this scenario wouldn't have bothered me. But these weren't normal circumstances. Something tragic happened. I couldn't find my fingernail clippers.

I just wanted to clip off those rough edges and have a nice, smooth nail to aide me with typing. Without my clippers, this left me with a rough nail, which left me with an unpleasant typing experience. This was bad.

Even worse than losing my clippers, I realized through this situation that I was beginning to lose my sanity. Obviously, getting worked up over not being able to find fingernail clippers is a bad sign. It was almost like I lost my great-great grandmother's engagement ring the way I was digging around trying to find those silly clippers.

This is a bad time of year to lose one's sanity. We're approaching midterms. I have projects, presentations, deadlines and tests that have junked up my daily planner. These tasks that have junked up my daily planner have left me almost no room to work on keeping my sanity.

Making room for retaining my sanity is a must, however. Alone time is vital in this busy, people-filled world.

Novelist James Carroll said, "We spend most of our time and energy in a kind of horizontal thinking. We move along the surface of things...but there are times when we stop. We sit still. We lost ourselves in a pile of leaves or its memory. We listen and breezes from a whole other world begin to whisper."

I want to hear these whispers. I want to hear the whisper from the

Renee Lewis

Guest Room



world where there is no stress, where high-strung isn't even a descriptive term.

Opening our ears is the difficult part. When we lose our clippers, we tend not to open our ears to anything except for the sound of the clippers yelling our names. When we do this, we may be missing the bigger picture.

So I lost my clippers, big deal. My roommate had clippers. Did I think about that? No. What I thought about was the fact that my life is so unorganized

that I couldn't even locate my clippers.

What I should've been doing was stopping and listening. Just being silent for awhile can bring me down to a whole new level.

When I'm silent, my positive personality traits come shining through. My smile, my happiness, my calmness, they all come into the sunshine.

My clippers, in this scenario, symbolized silence. Just like the clippers would have smoothed out my rough nail, silence helps smooth out my rough personality traits.

Guaranteed, the next time I break a fingernail I will remember to be silent for a little while. After all, fingernail clippers can't bring me peace.

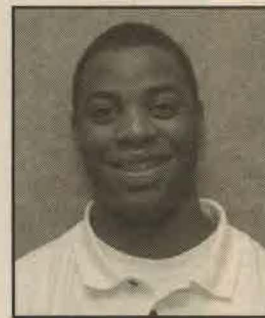
Like Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Nothing can bring you peace but yourself."

Speak out: What do you do for exercise?



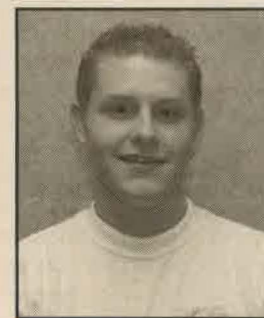
"I do about 20-30 minutes of aerobics and an hour of weight lifting two to three times a week."

—Sara Bukovatz, sophomore



"I'm a professional body builder. Due to football, my physical expertise is matchless. I am a machine."

—Kevin Redd, senior



"I don't. I think I'm going to start tomorrow."

—Josh Hollis, freshman

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Rudolph to Honduras



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Seniors Jeffrey Hubbard and Jordan Hix load 190 gift boxes onto a truck from the Healing Hands organization. The boxes are actually going to Honduras this year, due to unexpected problems with the Romanian government.

Elections attract large freshmen turnout, fail to spark upperclassmen interest

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The smaller number of voters among the upperclassmen was not prevalent among the freshman class.

"Voter turnout was really good among the freshmen this year," Lambrecht said. "We had some close races and some big races."

In all, 11 freshmen ran for class offices and eight for SA representative.

"I think that allowing the freshmen candidates to speak in the Administration Auditorium

for the first time ever was a great idea," Lambrecht said. "It is difficult for a fresh group of students to come in and just know who to vote for."

Freshman Class President Luke Davis and Vice President Luke Williams claimed their offices in a Sept. 27 run-off.

"We ran because we wanted to serve," Davis said. "I talked with the past president [of the freshman class] and I asked him what they did and he said, 'Nothing really' so we wanted to change that and find something we can do."

Fall Election Results

Freshmen: President: Luke Davis; Vice President: Luke Williams; Secretary/treasurer: Dana Bielefeld; Women's SA Rep: Julie McCall; Men's SA Rep: Trent Floyd

Sophomores: President: Kristin Barnes; Secretary/Treasurer: Courtney Hix

Juniors: President: Jason Terry; Secretary/Treasurer: Brian Newberry

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EMILY HOGGARD
Staff writer

A new program aimed at increasing character development on campus has Harding in place to become the nation's first "Campus of Character."

The recognition will come from the Character Training Institute, an organization started by a business owner in Oklahoma City.

The organization aims to formally encourage people to further develop their character and recognize those who have ex-

hibited outstanding character.

President David Burks and the Board of Trustees passed a resolution declaring the university a "Campus of Character." The resolution, which was sent to the Character Training Institute for recognition, states that Harding will try to do everything in its power to promote good character.

A similar resolution was passed by the state of Arkansas, who was named the second "State of Character" after Oklahoma.

The idea of a "Campus of Character" program was introduced to Harding by Peggy Huckeba, assistant dean of students. Character Development is the student services theme for the school year.

"Our goal in implementing this as the student development theme was to get people to think about character," Huckeba said. "Harding has always been a campus of character because of its mission; now it is time to define exactly what character looks like."

Other schools affiliated with the churches of Christ, including Lipscomb University and Lubbock Christian University, have character education programs, but, according to Huckeba, Harding will be the first university designated as a "Campus of Character."

"I hope that the formal idea of character and its impact in our society will be better understood," Huckeba said. "I hope that our student body will have a higher knowledge of character traits and how they are

beneficial in our ever day lives."

Character First has different tracks of curriculum for businesses, communities and K-12 schools to use for teaching about character.

A new program had to be developed specifically for a college campus.

"We chose to base our program more along the lines of the education track because it was already set up to use a nine month school year to introduce nine pillar values," Huckeba said.

According to Character First, there are 49 values that are associated with good character.

Administrators hope to share some of the values and educate on how they can be applied to everyday lives.

"The values that Character First identifies are scripture-based, but they do not use scripture specifically so [the curriculum] can be used in the public

school system and received in the workplace," Huckeba said. "We here at Harding are free to use scripture so we just put the scriptures right back in."

A representative from Character First formally trained all of the residence life coordinators, then they helped teach resident assistants who were trained before the beginning of the school year.

Harding's designation as a "Campus of Character" joins the city of Searcy's plan to become a "City of Character" as well. The community plans to launch its character education program in January.

Huckeba thinks the focus on morals should be a concern for everyone.

"I think now, in light of what has happened in our country over the past year, even nonreligious people are wanting to reintroduce and replace values and character in our society," Huckeba said.

As Harding prepares to become the nation's first "Campus of Character," the administration is defining nine key traits of good character.

Forgiveness vs. Rejection
Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and not holding a grudge

Truthfulness vs. Obedience
Quickly and cheerfully carrying out the direction of those who are responsible for me

Sincerity vs. Hypocrisy
Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives

Generosity vs. Stinginess
Carefully managing my

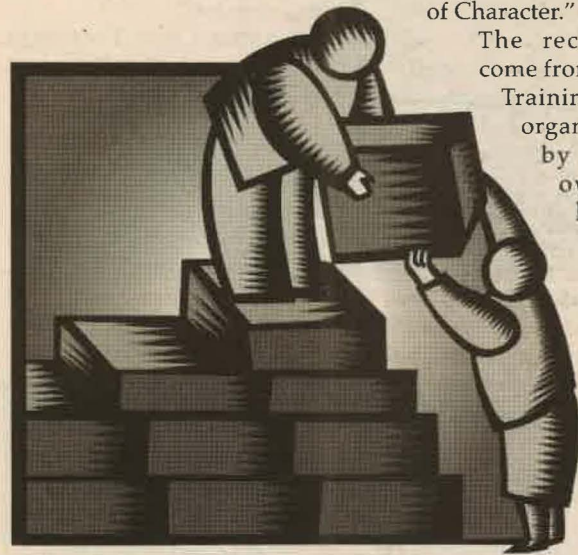
resources so I can freely give to those in need

Orderliness vs. Confusion
Arranging myself and my surroundings to achieve greater efficiency

Gratefulness vs. Unthankfulness
Letting others know by my words and actions how they have benefited my life

Attentiveness vs. Distraction
Showing the worth of a person or task by giving my undivided concentration

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Harding in Action

Organization helps students find service opportunities

STEPHANIE NANCE
Contributor

Harding in Action is a new club this semester designed to provide students with opportunities to serve.

Harding graduate Brad Hendrickson and senior Dannie Rio came up with the idea of an additional Harding service club last semester and gave the club its present name, but were never able to put their plans into action because Hendrickson graduated in May and Rio left to study abroad.

They entrusted their plans to senior Marcus Moore, a marketing and vocational ministry major.

"I was surprised to see that Harding didn't have a central service club or organization," Moore said. "Social clubs do things, but [many students are] not in one, and so they don't have an avenue

through which to do ministry, unless it's through the local churches, and many people do not do that."

Moore believes many students want to serve, but they don't know how to get involved. HIA serves as an information center to match willing students with needs in the community. Long and short term projects are available, depending on the level of commitment that each student chooses.

HIA welcomes anyone who sees a need in the community to inform them, and the volunteers will try to meet that need. Bible studies, elderly visitation, babysitting, mentoring and yard work are some of the ways that volunteers of HIA plan to serve this semester.

With more than 45 members, HIA currently has more volunteers than service opportunities. Moore believes this will change as soon as word of the service club is spread.

Volunteers have placed fliers

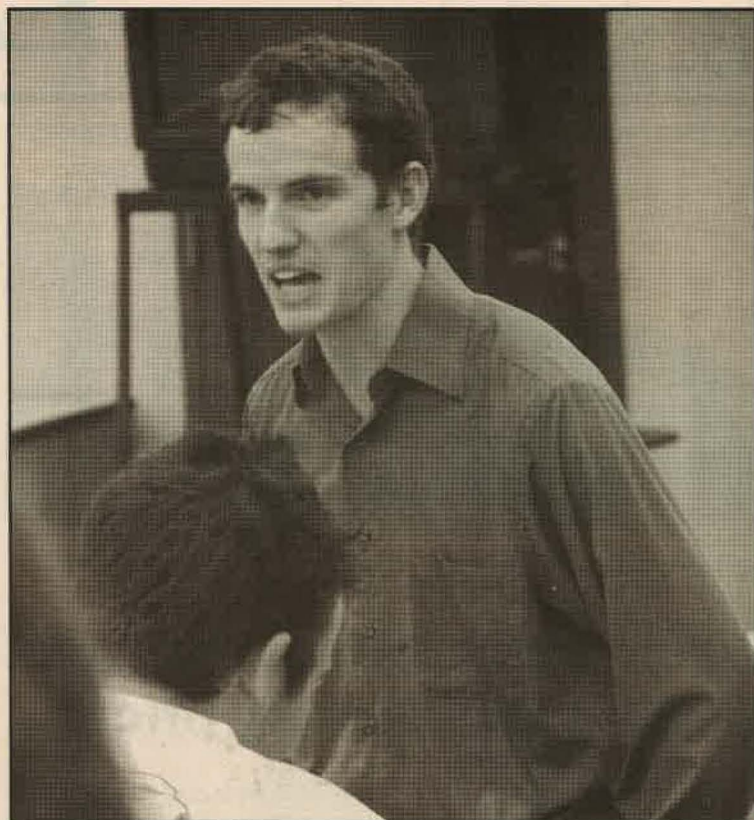
and business cards in many different businesses in Searcy, attempting to inform the community of the new services available at Harding.

People in need are instructed to call the campus ministry office, which fills out a service request form and gives it to Moore, who presents it to the volunteers at bi-monthly meetings.

HIA also works closely with local churches to find Bible study contacts and other service opportunities. Moore hopes HIA will eventually have enough opportunities circling through that social clubs or groups of friends can call and request projects.

Moore hopes all of the service organizations on campus can work together to benefit the community.

"It's important to have a balanced spiritual life without emphasis being on either study or relationships," Moore said. "College tends to emphasize those and to leave out service."



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Senior Marcus Moore leads a meeting in the McInteer building for students interested in joining Harding In Action, a new organization aimed at helping students find opportunities to serve. Moore said HIA members this semester will be participating in projects including elderly visitation, babysitting and Bible studies.

Our Kristin Foundation to support families during time of grief

MATT PRICE
Staff Writer

The death of a Harding student has inspired the creation of a new foundation to help families dealing with the unexpected loss of a child.

The Our Kristin Foundation was founded after junior Kristin Altman died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident outside her Dallas home in January.

As a result of extensive surgeries and her untimely death, her parents, Dane and Carole Altman, were suddenly faced with expensive hospital bills and funeral costs.

The Altmans found themselves

struggling to cover the costs associated with the unexpected loss. Contributions from friends and relatives helped ease the burden, but the Altmans wanted to help ensure that no other family would have to face similar financial difficulties.

"We want the foundation to be able to help people in the first 24 to 48 hours after an accident," Carole Altman said. "That is a very stressful time when the help and encouragement of friends and family is very important and the immediate financial costs seem overwhelming."



Dana Altman

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The foundation will provide families who experience an unexpected loss of a child with money to help cover high hospital and funeral costs.

The Altman family believes the foundation will also preserve the memory of Kristin.

"The foundation is a constant reminder of Kristin, we're all still living through Kristin," sophomore Dana Altman, Kristin's sister, said.

On May 14, the Our Kristin Foundation organized a benefit dinner and auction to introduce the foundation and to raise money.

Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of "When Bad Things Happen to Good People," was the keynote speaker.

More than 500 people attended and \$100,000 was raised for the foundation. The foundation plans to make the benefit auction an annual event.

As a student at Harding, Altman was a member of Ju Go Ju social club which recently held a bake sale in the Hammond Student Center

and raised more than \$700.

"[The bake sale] was such an awesome event," Ju Go Ju vice president Sara Beth Sanders said. "There were tons of contributors."

In the spring, Ju Go Ju is planning to hold a run-a-thon to raise money for the foundation. Wal-Mart has agreed to match all proceeds raised by the event.

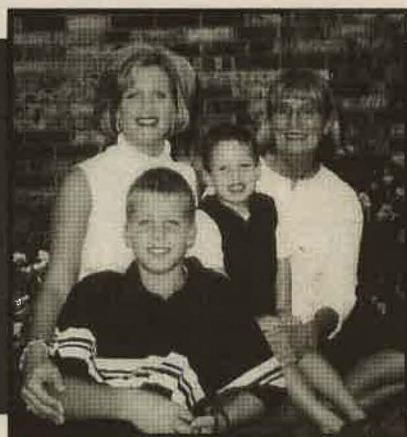
"For a college age student to give money that is really hard to come by, that means a lot," Carole Altman said. "Every little bit will help."

Carole Altman appreciates the support that has come from Harding.

"The hearts of Harding have always been open," Carole Altman said. "Kristin's memory has extended."

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- served as Recording Secretary for the Searcy Airport Commission
- Searcy Leadership Committee graduate and member
- Chamber of Commerce member
- Past Co-Chair for Searcy's "Summer in the City"
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And a few things personal...

- Searcy resident for 25 years
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Searcy's newest offering of south-of-the-border cuisine, Casa Brava, aims to please students with wide variety and friendly service.

Restaurant charms with quiet setting and friendly prices

TREVOR FREEMAN
Contributor

Casa Brava, a new Mexican restaurant, has opened on Beebe-Capps Expressway across from the intramural fields.

Casa Brava enters the Searcy community not as an addition, but as the replacement of a former Mexican food restaurant.

Casa Brava is a small, traditional style family owned restaurant.

From the rainbow colored neon lights to the southwest style stucco walls outside the building, customers expect a bold, flavorful Mexican meal.

The restaurant hopes to attract customers by offering a home style environment and good Mexican food.

Keeping its doors open for lunch and dinner seven days a week, Casa Brava is ready to serve your needs when you are ready for Mexican food.

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If you can think of a combination of Mexican foods, Casa Brava has it in a special for \$4.99. Casa Brava also presents a wide variety of dinner specials for \$5.99.

In the entrée section of the menu, customers will also find an assortment of Mexican meals at a moderate price between \$5.15 and \$11.

The ambiance of the restaurant is one suited for a family dinner. The decorations cry for a fiesta while the sounds of the restaurant call for a siesta.

Casa Brava caters to those seeking a peaceful silence in the storm of everyday life.

Service is prompt and, overall, the servers are very polite and reinforce Casa Brava's traditional style.

So when the Mexican munchies strike and you are looking for a quiet restaurant to relieve your hunger, remember Casa Brava is open to your needs seven days a week.

Students find new ways to fend off fat

ANDREA MARTIN
Contributor

The Harding campus is bustling with activity — physical activity.

Many Harding students believe that exercise is beneficial for mind and body, and take time each week to exercise. However, the ways they choose to exercise are very diverse.

"I am training for ROTC, but I also began jogging to lose weight and get in shape," freshman Heather Tiley said. "Running helps me clear my head and weed out things."

Some students take advantage of First Security Stadium's track, while others prefer to exercise indoors and take advantage of the new weight room located in the Ganus Athletic Center.

"You know that phrase 'pain is weakness leaving your body'? I feel that to the core," sophomore Linnea Reed said. "I love the feeling of being sore after a workout because you know you worked really hard."

The GAC houses many different areas for students to exercise. The pool, basketball and racquetball courts are all available for use. Also, the kinesiology department offers many exercise courses for credit. Adjunct kinesiology professor Christy Morgan is teaching a new aerobics course this year.

"The class is just for girls," Morgan said. "We do all kinds of aerobic activity like step, floor aerobics, free weights and today we start kick boxing."

Weight lifting, racquetball and jogging are not out of the ordinary, but certain forms of exercise on campus may turn some heads.

"My creativity flows through all realms of my life including exercise," sophomore Erika Ross said.

This creativity inspired her to purchase belly-dancing tapes to exercise with in the dorm.

"All the moves intertwine belly dancing basics. I like to dance and I thought it would be good to learn a different type," Ross said.

Many students on campus take unconventional approaches when exercising.

"I used to break-dance in high school. My friends and I started a

group called Body Rock, and we would break dance almost every weekend," junior Gary Luna said. "It is a cardio work out, but mostly it is strength, coordination and a lot of practice."

This fall, Harding students have been exposed to a different kind of exercise — capoeira.

"Capoeira was actually the driving influence behind break dancing," sophomore Kevin Chastine said.

Capoeira, pronounced CAP-OH-WHERE-AH, is a type of martial arts that developed in Brazil during the 17th century.

"Slaves in South America wanted to rebel, ran off to the woods and started the ritual to fight against their masters," freshman Clyde Kemp said.

Though capoeira involves self-defense moves, music and physical conditioning, it is unlike any Tae Bo tape.

"Capoeira is a total body workout," Kemp said. "It combines martial arts, dance and gymnastics."

When played, capoeira consists of three components: the roda, or circle containing an indefinite amount of players, the capoeiristas, or two opponents in the roda, and the music, called the pe da roda, which is located at the foot of the roda.

"Games normally start off slowly with the music. Each player

enters the roda with some sort of flip and they begin," Kemp said. "Some [matches] can be more friendly and others more aggressive."

There are two forms of capoeira games, Angola and Regional. Angola is a long, slow paced game. Players generally stay close to the ground. Regional was developed much later, and players stay mostly upright. The attacks are quicker and the overall match is shorter than Angola.

"There is a lot of interaction between capoeiristas," Chastine said. "When learning [capoeira] you have to learn movement improv. so you don't kick each other in the face."

Through classes and Web sites, capoeira is slowly becoming more popular in America. Jean Claude Van Dams' "The Quest" and other movies are exposing the masses to this form of exercise.

Before weekend warriors put on their tennis shoes and jump into a roda or onto a treadmill, Chastine said, they need to remember that fitness requires time, dedication and, in the case of capoeira, the willingness to try something new.

"You have to be as comfortable upside down as right side up," Chastine said.

More coverage at <http://www.harding.edu/thebison>



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A student works his biceps in the Ganus Athletic Center. Many students have chosen the new gym over paying costly membership prices at local fitness centers.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Brit. Virgin Islands (abbr.)
- 4 Viking
- 8 External covering
- 12 Belonging to (suf.)
- 13 End (pref.)
- 14 Mississippi bridge
- 15 Compass direction
- 16 Maenad
- 18 Broad structural basin
- 20 Water nymph
- 21 Abdominal (abbr.)
- 23 Stair post
- 27 Sp. instrument
- 32 Annoy
- 33 Insect
- 34 Misrepresent
- 36 You (Ger.)
- 37 Hindu month
- 39 Female noble
- 41 Bird

- 43 Eur. Economic Community (abbr.)
- 44 Trespass for game
- 48 Gamin
- 51 Puce (2 words)
- 55 Shoe size
- 56 "Uncle Remus" rabbit
- 57 7th incarnation of Vishnu
- 58 Cathode-ray tube (abbr.)
- 59 Convey
- 60 Black
- 61 Kilometers per hour (abbr.)

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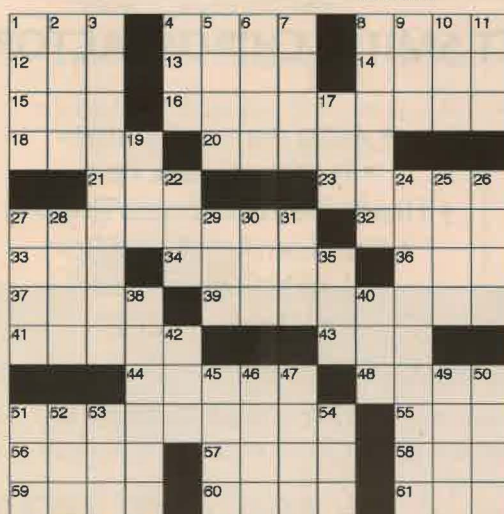
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- 3 Limp
- 4 Off-track betting (abbr.)
- 5 Compact
- 6 Razor-billed auk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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IHI BUNA ORTS
BES ANIMAL FAT
EMMA ADO
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AGT PIPAL NRA
DALE COLOSSAL
EDEMA STAAT
ECU PRAE
GRASSSTEM UCA
OPHI EYAS CDC
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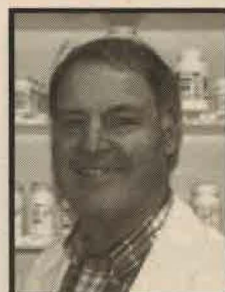
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- 24 Jab
- 25 Ancient Gr. city
- 26 Dregs
- 27 Heddles of a loom
- 28 Handle
- 29 Beak
- 30 Guido's note (2 words)
- 31 Shooting match
- 35 Equal opportunity employer (abbr.)
- 38 Household linen
- 40 Nat'l Endowment for the Arts (abbr.)
- 42 Chin. pan
- 45 Rhine tributary
- 46 Crustacean
- 47 Blood (pref.)
- 49 Amer. Assn. of Retired Persons (abbr.)
- 50 Eng. spa
- 51 Abate
- 52 Yorkshire river
- 53 Race the motor
- 54 Israelite tribe



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Volleyball breezes to 3-0 in GSC; Tech, HSU loom

GARY LUNA
Staff writer

Off to a 3-0 start in Gulf South Conference play, the volleyball team is confidently heading into a tough stretch featuring matches against the league's elite squads.

"I felt like we have played a pretty tough pre-conference schedule to get us ready," coach Keith Giboney said. "Now we are ready for conference play; I feel like we are the team to beat."

The team will travel to Russellville Saturday to face perennial league power Arkansas Tech. ATU (9-6, 2-0 GSC) was picked second in the GSC-West in the preseason coaches' poll, while HU was picked third.

"This is going to be a big match for us, because they are good, and we are going to be playing in their gym," Giboney said. "Last year we beat them in our gym, and then we went and lost to them at their home."

Harding's victory last year snapped a 27-match conference winning streak for the Golden Suns.

"There is a little rivalry," Giboney said. "This is just one of those teams that we are going to be up for, and it's going to be a big game."

The Lady Bisons then return to Rhodes Field House at 7 p.m. Tuesday for a showdown against defending division champion Henderson State (9-8, 2-0).

"There is a little rivalry. This is just one of those teams that we're going to be up for, and it's going to be a big game"

Coach Keith Giboney, on the Lady Bisons' Saturday match at Arkansas Tech

The team expects to continue winning and qualify for the GSC Tournament, to be held Nov. 15-16. They have qualified both years since Harding joined the GSC, but have lost to Montevallo University in the first round both times.

"We have made it to the tournament for years, and we want to keep doing that, but we feel like our next goal is to advance and make it to the second round and the third round," Giboney said. "I feel like this is the team that can advance. Right now that goal is to get to the tournament."

The team has reached 3-0 in conference play with relative ease, taking 3-0 victories last week against Christian Brothers (30-13, 30-24, 30-17) and Southern Arkansas (30-26, 30-25, 30-15), then beating Central Arkansas (30-26, 27-30, 30-15, 30-21) Tuesday in Conway, 3-1.

"We are ready for conference play," sophomore Amie Morrison said. "We have been doing really well all season. The chemistry is

great on and off the court, and that is what makes this team play together so well."

Sophomore middle blocker Leanne Lackey said she thinks the team works as a group and plays efficiently.

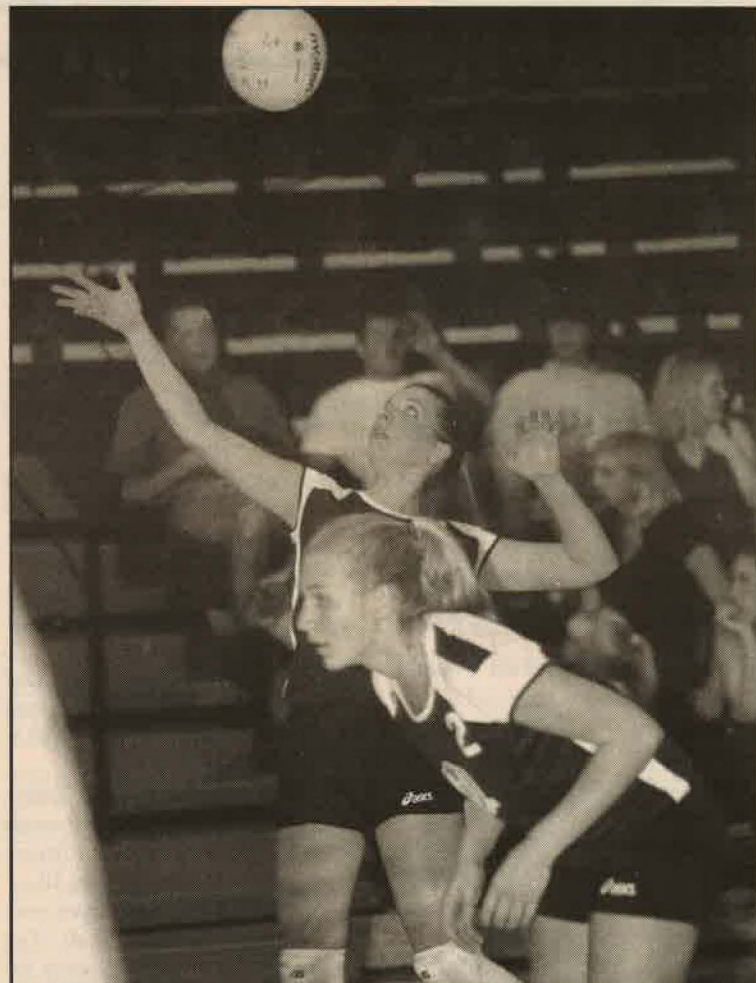
"I think we have a good chance at winning the conference tournament," she said. "This season we have come together and really played team ball. We are connecting well and playing really good defense."

Giboney said freshmen additions to the team have improved depth and are contributing already.

"Right away, the new class of freshmen has made us deeper," Giboney said. "We are basically playing with the same lineup as last year, and then I have some good freshmen that are added to the roster. I can make a lot of substitutions and our level of play does not drop because our freshmen come in and do a good job."

The upperclassmen are contributing too, with sophomore middle blocker Kate Kennedy and junior outside hitter Veronica Piech being named the GSC's players of the week for their play Sept. 20-21 at the St. Edward's Classic in Austin, Texas.

Piech and Morrison are the top two GSC players in digs per game, with nearly five each. Junior setter Lydia Kelly is third in assists with more than 11 per game. As a squad, the Lady Bisons lead the league in digs, are third in assists and are holding opponents to the second lowest hitting percentage.



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Junior Lydia Kelly prepares to return the ball while junior Shaila Farley stays alert. Farley was named Gulf South Conference defensive player of the week after her double-doubles led the Lady Bisons to GSC victories against Christian Brothers (14 kills, 19 digs) and Southern Arkansas (13 kills, 17 digs).

GSC Volleyball Standings

EAST DIVISION

Team	GSC	All
North Alabama	5-0	14-2
Alabama-Huntsville	6-1	8-9
Valdosta State	4-2	9-4
Montevallo	4-3	4-8
West Florida	3-3	8-7
West Alabama	3-4	8-7
Mississippi-Women	3-4	3-15
Lincoln Memorial	0-4	12-8
West Georgia	0-8	0-20

WEST DIVISION

Team	GSC	All
Harding	3-0	14-4
Arkansas Tech	2-0	9-6
Henderson State	2-0	9-8
Southern Arkansas	1-3	9-8
Christian Brothers	0-1	5-6
Central Arkansas	0-2	4-8
Ouachita Baptist	0-2	4-10

Top four in each division qualify for GSC Tournament. Standings include matches through Tuesday.

HU squads blank Freed-Hardeman



CHRISSY INGRAM / The Bison

Junior Mitch Jones battles for the ball with Freed-Hardeman freshman Jonathan Edwards (9). The men's and women's soccer teams combined to outscore FHU's squads 11-0 Tuesday in nonconference action at the Harding soccer field. The Bisons outshot the Lions 43-3 en route to a 4-0 win, while six Lady Bisons scored in their 7-0 victory. Both HU teams have only three home matches remaining, including a doubleheader starting at 2 p.m. Saturday against Belhaven.

For the record

FOOTBALL (4-0, 2-0 GSC)

Harding	14	8	10	0	32
Arkansas Tech	7	7	0	0	14

First Quarter

13:42 ATU - Marcus Godfrey 51 yd run (Kyle Magrini kick), 2-44 1:00, ATU 7-0
4:46 HU - Demarcus Calhoun 9 yd pass from F. Langston (Coy Nance kick), 7-34 3:12, Tied 7-7
4:06 HU - Robert Lolohea 44 yd pass from Freddie Langston (Nance kick), 1-44 0:08, HU 14-7

Second Quarter

12:37 HU - Steven Murphy 36 yd pass from Langston (Nance kick failed), 8-80 3:00, HU 20-7
7:17 HU - Safety, HU 22-7
0:37 ATU - Isaac Stroud 34 yd pass from Mark Ewersmann (Magrini kick), 1-34 0:06, HU 22-14

Third Quarter

7:40 HU - Dondray Thomas 5 yd run (Nance kick), 4-28 1:10, HU 29-14
1:24 HU - Nance 21 yd field goal, 6-39 2:11, HU 32-14

	HU	ATU
FIRST DOWNS	19	12
Rushes-Yards (Net)	44-230	42-110
Passing Yards (Net)	210	72
Passes Att-Comp-Int.	29-17-1	20-8-2
Offensive Plays-Yards	73-440	62-182

VOLLEYBALL (14-4, 3-0 GSC)

Harding 3, Southern Arkansas 0 (30-26, 30-25, 30-13)
Harding 3, Central Arkansas 1 (30-26, 27-30, 30-15, 30-21)

WOMEN'S SOCCER (3-7, 0-2 GSC)

Freed-Hardeman	0	0	0
Harding	6	1	7
4:28 HU	Becky Oostenbrug	Hatcher/Garner	
6:58 HU	Courtney Saul	Brooke Cockrell	
19:53 HU	Megan Hatcher	Boren/Garner	
39:28 HU	Lyndsey Garner		
41:52 HU	Courtney Saul	Becky Oostenbrug	
44:09 HU	Lori Boren	Courtney Saul	
88:55 HU	Brooke Cockrell	Courtney Saul	

North Alabama	4	0	4
Harding	1	0	1
9:26 UNA	Nan Waldkirch	Allison Harris	
12:41 UNA	Rita Bernhardt	Katie Robbins	
14:49 HU	Megan Hatcher	Lori Boren	
27:50 UNA	Kristin Danielik	Allison Harris	
39:35 UNA	Kristin Danielik	Seola Edwards	

Christian Brothers	1	2	3
Harding	0	0	0

27:33 CBU	Missy Gregg	Kanae Haneishi
46:23 CBU	B.Centella	Saurin/Froberg
74:35 CBU	Missy Gregg	Margaret Saurin

MEN'S SOCCER (3-5-2, 0-0-1 GSC)

Freed-Hardeman	0	0	0
Harding	1	3	4
9:10 HU	Brian Day	Jon Ireland	
55:43 HU	Jeff Ireland		
75:43 HU	Jon Ireland		
81:05 HU	Brock Williams	Day/Jon Ireland	

Missouri-Rolla	1	0	1
Harding	0	0	0
36:52 UMR	Marc Flusche	Tim Suiter	

Christian Brothers	0	1	0	0	1
Harding	0	1	0	0	1
75:44 CBU	Alan Whittington				
77:25 HU	Jeff Ireland				

CROSS COUNTRY

Great American Cross Country Festival
Men: 1st place team
Women: 4th place team
Jacob Rotich and Janet Kogo: 1st place individuals



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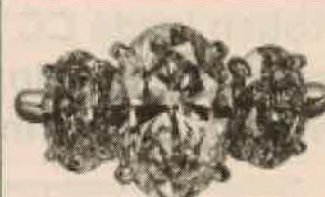
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At first glance, the Bisons' Parents' Night matchup with West Alabama could appear to be a mismatch.

If you look at last year's result, that is. The Bisons took out all the frustrations of a disappointing 4-6 campaign on the Tigers with a 44-10 Homecoming victory, holding UWA to 149 total yards.

This is 2002, however, and both the Bisons and Tigers are seeing a level of success that neither program has had in a while.

The Bisons are 4-0 and looking to go 5-0 for just the third time in school history, while the Tigers are 3-1 for the first time since 1992.

Something has to give Saturday night at First Security Stadium.

I'm guessing it will be the UWA defense.

Harding, ranked No. 24 in this week's Division II poll, is 16th among DII schools in total offense with 427 yards per game. That's not the Bisons' only statistical ranking, as they're also in the top 30 in team defense and scoring offense.

Junior quarterback Freddie Langston leads Harding on the field and statistically, ranked 11th nationally in pass efficiency. That's three spots ahead of Central Arkansas' Zak Clark, a transfer from the U of A who probably still belongs on a Division I field.

The Tigers will be pumped after a 30-24 win at Delta State, no doubt, but keep in mind that the Statesmen are way down this year.

"Somebody beats Delta State, and that gets our attention," Harding coach Randy Tribble said. "I'm sure they'll be fired up about playing a nationally-ranked team."

I'll buy fired up, but not up to the challenge. Both teams have stout offensive firepower, but I'll give the edge to Langston & Co. Harding will even the all-time series at 5-5 with a 41-28 win.

Around the horn ...

Rotich leads CC
men to team win;
women place 4th

The men's cross country team won their second meet of the season Sept. 27 at the Great American Cross Country festival in Charlotte, N.C.

Junior Jacob Rotich won the men's race in 26:50. Sophomore Reed Fisher and juniors Scott Wietecha and Maciek Mierczko also finished in the top five.

The Bisons' 29 points gave them the win by a wide margin and was better than all seven NCAA Division I teams entered.

Junior Janet Kogo won the women's race in 19:17, followed by senior Hanna Ritakallio in third.

The Lady Bisons finished fourth out of 22 teams, beating 12 Division I schools.

Ranked Bisons face UWA Saturday

HU stays at No. 24 in Division II poll after stomping Wonder Boys, 32-14

GRANT TONICK
Staff writer

After a convincing 32-14 Gulf South Conference victory at in-state rival Arkansas Tech last Saturday, the Bisons return to First Security Stadium this weekend for the first home game in nearly a month.

Kickoff for the Parents' Night contest against West Alabama is Saturday at 7 p.m.

UWA beat Delta State last week, 30-24, for its first win against the Statesmen since 1994. UWA is 3-1, its best start in 10 years.

Harding coach Randy Tribble said this year's Tigers are much better than the 2001 edition, which the Bisons beat, 44-10.

"We know we have our hands full," Tribble said. "The players have seemed really focused."

The Bisons are 4-0 for the first time since 1985 and 2-0 in GSC play for the first time after joining the conference in 2000. A win against the Tigers would tie the best start in school history.

The wins are helping the team gain confidence, sophomore Preston Bryan said.

"This year's team has faith in each other," he said. "We believe that every time we step on the field, we will win."

The 4-0 start has earned the Bisons a spot in both major Division II football rankings. Harding remained at No. 24 for the second week in the "official" poll administered by the American Football Coaches Association, while the Bisons debuted at No. 25 this week on d2football.com's listing.

True freshman Dondray Thomas led the way against the Wonder Boys with 128 yards on 18 car-



JEFF MONTGOMERY / Harding Public Relations

Protected by senior offensive lineman Chad Eason, junior quarterback Freddie Langston prepares to make a pass during the first quarter of the Bisons' 32-14 victory against Arkansas Tech last Saturday. The line provided Langston with plenty of time to throw the ball against Tech, allowing Langston to complete 17 of 29 passes for 210 yards and three touchdowns. Langston was only sacked once.

ries. For his effort, which helped the Bisons pad their lead in the third quarter, Thomas was named the GSC offensive player of the week.

"He's just done a great job and ran the ball real hard against Tech," Tribble said. "He's a real special freshman."

Junior quarterback Freddie Langston threw for three touchdowns for the second consecutive game. His scoring targets were sophomore Demarcus Calhoun, senior Robert Lolohea and junior Steven Murphy, on catches of 9, 44 and 36 yards, respectively.

"We've got a lot of good receivers and we spread it around," Tribble said. "That keeps people from concentrating on one guy."

The Bisons set a school record for penalties with 19 against ATU. With 176 penalty yards, the Bison defense needed to step up. They did, holding the Wonder Boys to 182 yards, with only 34 coming after halftime.

Senior defensive end Jamie Doyle had a career-high three sacks, for which d2football.com named him an honorable mention defensive player of the week. Senior defensive back Errick Wilson grabbed two interceptions, leading the way in forcing six ATU turnovers.

"We know what we are capable of," junior linebacker Tim Polk said. "Being 4-0 is not enough. We had a bunch of penalties that could have cost us. We strive for perfection. No one on this team is satisfied yet."

GSC Football

Team	GSC	All
Central Arkansas	2-0	4-0
Harding	2-0	4-0
Valdosta State	2-0	4-0
Ark.-Monticello	2-0	2-1
West Alabama	1-1	3-1
West Georgia	1-1	3-1
Southern Arkansas	1-1	2-2
Ouachita Baptist	1-1	1-2
Arkansas Tech	0-2	1-3
North Alabama	0-2	1-3
Delta State	0-2	0-4
Henderson State	0-2	0-4

This week's games

West Alabama at #24 Harding
West Georgia at Delta State
Southern Ark. at North Alabama
#9 Central Ark. at Ark.-Monticello
#2 Valdosta St. at Ouachita Baptist
Arkansas Tech at Henderson State

Zeta Rho, Titans win A-level fall softball titles

MATT PRICE
Staff writer

The social club fall softball season wrapped up this week, as the men's and women's clubs started flag football.

The softball season was a success, according to Dr. Jessica Moore, women's intramural director.

"We were so fortunate this year," she said. "The weather was superb; the field conditions were great. We got to play a lot more games."

Wet field conditions only forced the postponement of two days of games, a welcome change from normal for men's intramural director Jim Gowen.

"The weather was cooperative and the fields stayed in good shape," he said.

In women's softball, the double elimination tournament fielded club teams at A, B and C levels. The potluck tournament also fielded the same classifications. Women's softball differs from men's in that points are given for the single-elimination potluck championship in addition to the double-elimination tournament. The number of all-sports points given to clubs is based on the number of teams

Club Softball
Champions

Men's Clubs

Double Elimination

Large A/B/C: Titans

Small A: Delta Chi Delta

Small B: Sub T-16

Potluck

Championship games were Thurs.; results not available.

Women's Clubs

Double Elimination

A: Zeta Rho

B: Omega Lambda Chi

C: Ko Jo Kai

Potluck

A: Shantih

B/C: Kappa Gamma Epsilon

that were fielded in each classification.

In the A-team double elimination championship, Zeta Rho defeated Ju Go Ju.

In potluck, Shantih defeated Ju Go Ju for the A-team championship. But, because Ju Go Ju came in second in both tournaments, it has the early overall lead at the A-level.

"We had a really awesome A-team," said sophomore Lindsey Hobgood, one of Ju Go Ju's athletic

directors. "We just worked really hard together. We have a lot of athletic girls in our club."

Men's softball, unlike women's, was divided into large and small club classifications. Also, the potluck tournament combines all clubs and does not count in the all-sports race. Gowen said the men's softball season was very competitive.

In both the large and small club A-team championships, the games were close. Sophomore Cade Smith hit a two-run walk-off home run to right-center in the bottom of the 7th inning to lead Titans over TNT, 11-10, in the large club A-team championship. With the win, Titans take an early lead in the race for the all-sports trophy.

"We feel great," said senior Kevin LeMar, one of Titans' athletic directors. "We had some pretty good guys on the team, and a lot of seniors."

The small club A-team championship was a high-scoring affair. Graduate student Matt Seats hit two home runs as Delta Chi Delta held on to defeat Kappa Sigma Kappa, 25-24.

With King's Men moving to large-club status in sports this fall, Delta Chi Delta and Kappa Sigma Kappa figure to be among the small-club leaders all year.

"It's going to be a good competition, and winning softball gets us going in the right direction," said



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Senior Jon Gerst of TNT rounds third base on his way home during the large club A title game between TNT and Titans. Titans won, 11-10, on a walk-off home run by sophomore Cade Smith.

sophomore John Cody, a Delta Chi Delta athletic director.

Titans also won the B- and C-level titles among large clubs, giving them the early lead in the all-sports race.

The social club football season began this week for both women and men. Both Moore and Gowen say the fields are in great condition and they anticipate the football season to be as competitive as the softball season proved to be.